

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 – 85 were presented in the application proper as filed. By the foregoing amendments filed with the original application papers, claims 1-28, 38, 39, 43, 56, 58-72, 85 and new claim 86 are pending in the application, the other claims being cancelled without prejudice to applicants right to claim the subject matter thereof in this or any future application, including, without limitation, a divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, etc.

II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and examination of the application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this document to **Deposit Account No. 19-0733**. Any overpayments should be credited to same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
Strand et al.

January 5, 2006



Peter D. McDermott
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 29,411
Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.
28 State Street, 28th Floor
Boston, MA 02109
Customer No. 22910
Telephone (617) 227-9600
Fax (617) 227-9601